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rent week must be in hand not later than
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SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1891.

A BAD ROAD.

SEVERAL months ago, just before the
Township Committee had designated the
streets on which the appropriation for
road construction and repairs was to be
expended, a largely signed petition was
presented to that body asking that a
hard road be made on that portion of
Belleville Avenue lying between Broad
Street and the entrance to the Bloom-
field Cemetery. We believe the petition
was referred to the Road Committee,
and as that Committee made no recom-
mendation, nothing further has been
heard of it. This strip of road, at the
present time is in a deplorable condi-
tion. Carriage wheels sink three or
four inches in the sand and loose dirt,
raising a cloud of dust that almost
chokes the occupants. Our town pos-
sesses one of the prettiest cemeteries in
the State, and the Trustees are doing
their utmost to improve it in every way,
but the condition of this road, its only
approach, would tend to efface from the
memory of a visitor any favorable im-
pression he may have received. It is a
disgrace to the town.

A Serious Charge Against the Montclair
Water Company.

In the absence of a system of sewer-
age in Montclair, Toney's brook has
served to carry off a large portion of the
offal of the town. The brook is very
much polluted. Great excitement pre-
valled in the town Thursday over the
discovery that the Montclair Water Com-
pany, which has suffered from a scarcity
of water of late, had connected a pipe
with the brook and had run water direct
from it into one of its wells.

At the office of the Water Company,
the clerk in charge refused to say any-
thing in explanation. County Engineer

FROM THE SEA-SHORE.

A BLOOMFIELDER GIVES THE RESULT
OF HIS PERSONAL OBSERVATION.

The Disaster at Seabright—The Cool
Weather Checks the Rush to These
Summer Resorts—The Closing of the
Monmouth Race Track.

(Correspondence of The Independent.)

—LONG BRANCH, July 7.

This is the season to visit the sea-
shore for real enjoyment. Hotels and
cottages are in the freshness of new
paint, as varied as Joseph's coat, in
colors putting to blush the lily and eclips-
ing the glory of Solomon; the lawns at
their greenest, a brightness and joyous-
ness in the atmosphere that is not so
noticeable later in the season.

The cold storms of the past month
have proved a great drawback to the
business of the coast. While the few
hot days of early June gave promise of
a profitable season, the present outlook
is not as encouraging. Hotels are not
as well filled as usual for early July, and
cottages that last year rented for \$600
or \$700 for the season, are this year
offered for \$500 or \$600, and are not
readily rented at the reduced figures.

West End is not only the choice part
of Long Branch, but of this coast, so far
as it can be made so by fine buildings,
beautiful lawns, well-kept streets and
walks, fashionable equipages, etc., and
probably but few places in this country
will furnish a finer display of horse flesh
and what goes to make up a fashionable
turn-out, than can be witnessed at this
station on the arrival of the popular
summer afternoon trains.

Your readers have doubtless read of
the disastrous fire at Seabright, seven
miles from Long Branch, that occurred
on the evening of the 16th inst., but one
must visit the place to realize the extent
of the loss. While the larger hotels and
cottages were undisturbed, the entire
business portion of the village (some of
the stores large and commodious brick
buildings; one completed and occupied
only the Saturday previous), with the
exception of one ice cream and con-
fectionery store were consumed. The
fire coming at the opening of the season,
when most of the stores had completed
their stocks for the summer's trade,
caused a more calamitous loss than it
would at any other time of the year.
With the usual Yankee promptness some
of the larger dealers were filling orders the
next day, and one firm occupied a tem-
porary store (a primitive one) the morn-
ing of the third day after the fire.
The fishermen and laboring people were
the greatest sufferers, as the homes and
interests of the entire popu-

lation appear far more
few weeks' outing.

The people of this vic-
much exercised over the
closing of the Monmouth
course for the season. Ex-
ways. The better class of
and residents rejoicing at
what they regard as the
of temptation to wrong-do-
young men and clerks, and
and business men, too, with
sense of right and wrong is not well
Saloonkeepers and sport-
ing that a large part of the
profits will be cut off; and
class even attributing the
dness of their business to the
cause.

Merchants and financial
men are positive in their condemnation of the race-
course and club-room as a hindrance; and
readily furnish instances of harm and
loss. One dealer, having one of the
largest businesses in his line for the past
fifteen years, not only not having saved
any money, but having in the past two or
three years spent the proceeds of a nice
business conducted by him, in placing a
fifteen-hundred-dollar mortgage
on her dwelling that was clear when
they were married—all gone through his
freely patronizing the races. Other in-
stances of men losing their business,
savings, homes, and money of friends,
through horse or club gambling, as well
as the ruin of many boys and young
men. It is claimed that in saloons,
barber shops, and other places where
men resort, the principal topic of con-
versation in the summer is concerning
gambling and the winning of money.
Even Asbury Park is not free from this.
Losses are seldom mentioned—that
would be discouraging—and yet few, if
any, of the patrons accumulate or gain
any permanent advantage. An officer of
a bank (and not the one with the largest
patronage in this line) claimed that
some mornings last summer their de-
posits from book-makers and club-rooms
would reach \$50,000, and in checks from
all parts of the country. This season
the bank has declined their accounts, not
wishing to be participants in the busi-
ness.

A New York business man—and a
prosperous one—a guest at the hotel,
claimed that ten years' experience had
taught him the folly of endeavoring to
beat the book men or racing authori-
ties; that he had made a study of the
matter and had availed himself of every
conceivable device without success.
Once he won \$6,800, but in the ten years
his net losses had been about \$10,000.
From his observations he concluded
there is nothing causing such financial
suffering, the breaking up of so many
homes, and so fruitful of disappointed
hopes for the future of some as the
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by the Township Committee, and as
shown on the map which is hereto an-
nexed, and shall furnish and put up
ready for use double nozzle fire hydrants
of the standard size and most approved
construction and lay pipes connecting
the same with the mains of the Company,
maintain them in good working order
and condition, and furnish water for the
extinguishment of fires at a head pressure
at the pumping works equal to an ele-
vation of three hundred feet above tide
water.

Sec. 2—The said Company shall place
on said pipe line not less than ninety-
five hydrants at such places as shall
be designated by said Township Com-
mittee and at or near the points shown
on the map above referred to, and the
said Township shall accept and pay for
supplying the same with water at the
price hereinafter agreed on.

Sec. 3—The said Company shall lay
additional pipes from time to time as
may be hereafter agreed on, along which
fire hydrants may be placed at such
points and places, as may be from time
to time agreed on between the said
Township Committee and the water
company on terms and conditions not
less favorable than those extended to
East Orange.

Sec. 4—The compensation to be made
by said township to said company for
providing and furnishing a full supply of
water in the said hydrants for the pur-
pose of the extinguishment of fires shall
be sixty dollars per hydrant per annum,
which shall be paid semi-annually as
hereinafter provided.

Sec. 5—The said company shall pre-
sent its accounts for the compensation
aforesaid on or before the first day
of January and July each year, and the
same shall be paid on or before the first
day of February and August following.

All hydrants which have not been
completed and ready for use and the
water let on during the entire year shall
be paid for ratably for the time they have
been ready for use as aforesaid, the time
of computing compensation for each
hydrant shall commence as soon as
water can be delivered from it, and if
the water company shall fail to supply
any hydrant with water of the force and
quantity herein agreed (except in case
of accident or for necessary repairs not
exceeding thirty days in any one year),
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THE WATER CONTRACT.

It is hereby agreed between the in-
habitants of the township of Bloomfield,
in the County of Essex, and the Orange
Water Company, a corporation organized
under an Act of the Legislature of the
State of New Jersey, as follows:

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company may make from time to time,
the company reserving the right to re-
fuse water to any person who is found
to disobey their rules and regulations,
or who shall use the water for other
purposes than street sprinkling or use it
in a wasteful manner.

Sec. 11—It is further agreed that said
company will furnish the inhabitants of
said township on the line of streets in
which pipes are laid with water for
private use at rates not exceeding those
charged by the city of Newark, N. J.,
for similar use, the use of water to be
subject to such rules and regulations as
the company may adopt from time to
time, which will be the same general
basis as those of the city of Newark, the
cost of connection with the mains to be
paid in each case by the person using
water.

Sec. 12—It is understood that the
company intend to make contracts with
other places on the same general basis
and stipulations as herein contained, but
for the present and so long as necessary
the supply of water will be procured
from wells located in or near the town-
ship, and any deficiency from that source
may be made up by procuring it from
other places offering the best practical
quality of water.

If any more favorable terms are given
to any other city or township, the same
shall be extended to the township of
Bloomfield.

Sec. 13—As it is the common purpose
of the parties hereto to obtain a supply
of water without delay, it is understood
and agreed that if it shall be found that
any delay or impediment arises from de-
fective powers in the act under which
the Water Company is organized, the
said company may cause an organization
to be effected under any other act avail-
able for the purpose and proceed there-
under to accomplish the purposes com-
templated in this contract.

Sec. 14—It is further understood and
agreed that the said company shall with
due diligence and within a reasonable
time proceed with its work of intro-
ducing water into said township, and
shall complete the same within one year
from the first day of January next. It is
also understood and agreed that the
company do not waive any rights which
they may possess under their charter by
reason of any of the provisions inserted
herein.

Sec. 15—This contract shall be valid
and binding for the period of ten years
from the first day of January A. D.,
eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and
said company agree that at the expira-
tion of said term they will renew the
same for a further term of ten years on
terms as favorable to the township as
those of this contract.

Section 16—This contract is made in
pursuance of an Act of the Legislature
of the State of New Jersey, passed March
15, 1881, and authorized Municipal Corporations to con-
tract for a supply of water for public
uses," approved March 15, 1881.

In witness whereof, the Township
Committee of said township of Bloom-
field have caused the common seal of
said municipal corporation to be hereto
affixed and this contract to be signed by
their Chairman and the Township Clerk.

And the said Orange Water Company
have caused their common seal to be
hereto affixed and this contract to be
signed by their President and Secretary,
this first day of August, A. D. eighteen
hundred and eighty-three.

STANFORD FARRAND,

Chairman Bloomfield Township Committee.

Attest:

EDWARD F. FARRAND,

Township Clerk.

F. M. SHEPARD,

Free, Orange Water Co.

GEO. P. KINGSLY,

Sec'y Orange Water Co.

Funeral of the Rev. Mr. Voss.

The funeral services of the Rev. Got-
fried Luther Voss, pastor of the German
Presbyterian Church at Sayreville, were
held in the German Presbyterian Church
on Monday afternoon. There was a
large attendance. A large number of
German ministers were present, six of
whom acted as pall-bearers. The Rev.
Dr. Henry W. Seibert preached the ser-
mon, and the Rev. Herman Grubert of
Orange gave a historical sketch of the
life of the dead minister. Professor
George C. Seibert of the seminary gave
an account of Mr. Voss' connection with
that institution, and the Rev. Mr.
Everitt, Stated Clerk of the Monmouth
Presbytery, gave an account of his work
at Sayreville. The Rev. William A.
Nord of Newark conducted the services
at the grave. Raritan and Eureka
Lodges, Knights of Pythias, attended
the funeral.

Bicycle Racing.

The Watsessing Wheelmen's Associa-
tion held their first road race last Sat-
urday morning, quite a number of spec-
tators being present. The start was made
at 10.15 o'clock from Dodd Street and
Glenwood Avenue, and the course was
to Orange Street, to Bloomfield Avenue,
to Watsessing Avenue, and thence to
starting-point. The contestants were
required to repeat the performance in
order to complete the requisite five
miles. There were eight entries, and
the race was a good one. Jacob Ehni
came in first winning by 3 1-2 minutes.
Harry Dorner second. Ehni was al-
lowed 4 minutes handicap. The prizes
were a lap-robe and shaving cup. A
boys' race followed, in which Arthur
Hyde was the victor and Herbert Ellor
second.

COUNTY FREEHOLD

Reports of Officials and

the Meeting.

The Board of Freeholders

Thursday afternoon, Direct-

presiding.

The Warden of the County

ad a total expenditure of \$1

June. The analysis of in-

was as follows: Total number

served, 5,260; total number of

412; average daily number, 1

term of each, 10 days; daily

ing each prisoner, \$1.4 cents.

The Committee on Statutory

reported bills and claims

amount of \$7,138.05. The

portion of this sum was ex-

court expenses, including

Judges and other officials.

The Warden of the County

reported a total expenditure

The number of prisoners

last report was 192; received

discharged, 71; transferred, 1

1; remaining, 220.

The Jail Discharge Commi-

that they had acted on 28

penitentiary and taken in \$12

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of the Newark M. E. Confe-

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